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COLORADO METHAMPHETAMINE TASK FORCE
Meeting May 25, 2007
Colorado Municipal League
1144 Sherman Street
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Chair – Attorney General John Suthers

Vice –Chairs:

- *Treatment* – Janet Wood, Director, Behavioral Health Services, CDHS
- *Prevention* – José Esquibel, Director, Interagency Prevention Systems, CDPHE
- *Law Enforcement* – Lori Moriarty, Commander, Thornton Police, Department, National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children

Task Force Members Present:

Attorney General John Suthers; Janet Wood, Director, Behavioral Health Services, CDHS; Lori Moriarty, Commander, Thornton Police, Department; Tara Trujillo, Colorado Children's Campaign; Dr. Kathryn Wells, Denver Health; Dr. Wayne Maxwell, North Range Behavioral Health; Janelle Krueger, CDE; Erin Goff, Colorado Municipal League; Jeaneene Miller, CO Dept of Corrections/Parole; Dan Kaup, 8th Judicial District; Greg Daniels, Haddon, Morgan and Foreman; Stan Hilkey, Mesa County; Carmelita Muniz, Colo. Assoc. of Alcohol and Drug Service Providers; Janet Rowland, Mesa County; Jeanne Smith, CDPS; Dave Thomas, Executive Director, CDAC; Representative Stella Garza-Hicks

Guests:

Dennis Dahlke, SUCAP; Brian Mattson, National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children; Colleen Brisnehan, CO Dept Public Health & Environment; Debra Campeau, representing the Office of the Child's Representative; Susannah Carroll, National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children; Heather Gierhart, Mesa County; Bill Leonard, Craig Police; Tim Griffin, Co Dept of Corrections/Parole; Tom Raynes

NEXT STEPS:

Introductions: Attorney General John Suthers welcomed the group.

Review and Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2007 were approved.

Announcement from the Task Force:

The Feds have issued a new Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). The funds are for start-up efforts, either to attempt a new project design or to replicate a successful project. . Please contact Jeannie Smith at Public Safety Division for more details.

Stan Hilkey discussed the movie "American Meth". The movie was shown to a decent amount of people in Grand Junction. This movie was to raise the awareness of Meth problems and to show that treatment is possible. A college student created the movie and it is narrated by Val Kilmer. Stan volunteered to review the movie "Crystal Darkness" and report back to us.

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Carmelita has been working with the treatment community on a report to show what treatment options are out there for Meth users. She will report back the findings.

El Paso County is planning its 3rd annual symposium. The date is September 25th. The focus will be on the family. Please contact Debra Campeau at dcampeau@guardianadlitemelpaso.org for more information.

Colorado Methamphetamine Blueprint: Vice Chair Moriarty

The Vice Chairs have been doing a lot of work between these meetings creating a framework for the communities to follow.

A large meeting of community and state people was held on March 13, 2007, to discuss the creation of the *Blueprint*. Lori has presented this *Blueprint* to some other states. Colorado is very unique in the way that we are approaching this problem. Colorado has created the policy level that has allowed this task force to go forward, other states do not have this high level participation. The core of the *Blueprint* is a four part continuous course of action: policy, implementation, practice and science. The *Blueprint* process will serve to: ensure all disciplines with a role at each stage are identified; identify a full set of roles and responsibilities for each discipline; identify the inventory or resources used at each stage; and identify who is doing each stage well. This *Blueprint* helps to align us at a national level, then at the state level and finally at the local level which includes demonstration sites. How are we, as a state task force, supporting the number of activities?

The *Blueprint* is the mechanism that can be used by local, state and national levels. If we can align what we are doing, we can have a very powerful impact. We need to develop the knowledge base; develop tools and protocols; develop training and technical assistance capacity; and work with local community demonstration sites to share and capture knowledge.

The Colorado *Blueprint* – Demonstration Project Sites

We are sending out the Community Resource Assessment (CRA) tool to the groups that have requested to be a demonstration site. Once the paperwork has been sent back to us for a comprehensive review, we will make the decision on the sites. Currently, there are a number of sites working with us. These sites are: Delta, Mesa, Denver, Larimer County, Colorado Springs, HIDTA group, and undercover drug task forces.

The *Community Resource Assessment (CRA)* is a tool that systems can use to clarify how the work being done helps produce outcomes. The *CRA* produces a logical map that decision makers may use to better understand and evaluate practice in the community. The *CRA asks* compelling questions about the efficacy of a program/initiative, the infrastructure requirements to run and sustain the program/initiative and how the effort is integrated with others in the community. The results are the foundation for gauging the potential of the program successfully achieving targeted outcomes.

Discussion after the presentation

- ◇ What are the criteria for a group to start as a demonstration site?
- ◇ What does this look like, how does it start, how do we gather information for the entire cycle?
- ◇ How do we develop this capacity – where do we go from here, now that we have a blueprint?

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- ◇ There has to be some criteria that we need to apply to all the programs that people are starting to ask us to support. We will have to be able to screen out the programs that have not met the standards outlined in the CRA. We want to be able to coordinate with communities; we want to be able to collect all the data.
- ◇ This *Blueprint* has the Foundations interested in our cause.
- ◇ We would like to get the go ahead from this group to proceed with the process outlined in the *Blueprint*.
 - a. We need to make sure that we are comfortable with this plan to form an alliance with the Colorado Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.
 - b. Are we ready to go after funding? This would be used to help support the efforts of communities work within our framework.
 - c. Treatment or education partners? So much of this leads to treatment and some didn't feel that this was addressed. The vice chairs advised that they have picked some examples that show prevention or law enforcement, but this is for all disciplines, treatment, intervention and prevention. Most of the demonstration sites are on the treatment side.
 - d. We have a great number of people at the table from all sides of this issues; education, treatment and prevention. The more we explore this, the more we find we have in common.
 - e. We do have a lot to learn from each other. We need access to treatment, we can educate all involved but have we given them access to the treatment? We are creating a knowledge base but there still is an issue with getting them treatment.
- ◇ There are process components built into this *Blueprint*. This is a tool for the communities to use. This task force is not seen as responsible for capacity building for the entire state. We need to share this responsibility in partnership with communities.
- ◇ Where are the prevention sites? We do need to support the prevention side of things. When we determine whom we support for funding, we must keep in mind the prevention side of the issue.
- ◇ The Community Resource Assessment (CRA) came from Martin, Mattson & Lynn, 2005, when they were working with Jefferson County and it is a tool that systems can use to clarify how the work being done helps produce the desired outcomes. This *Blueprint* can be used to help look at the communities that we support. It is not only the communities; it is the models, issue papers and what not. The CRA produces a logical map that decision makers may use to better understand and evaluate practices in the community.
- ◇ Because the *Blueprint* does cover all, a huge advantage is that we established this *Blueprint* piece and work on what each community needs.
- ◇ The Comprehensive Community Response diagram provides clarity to the overall response to children and families as they move through the system. As an example, the child and parent can be in different places at different times and this helps identify where they are in the system and what responsibilities each discipline has at a different stage.
- ◇ Sustainability of the overall efforts is critical.
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- ◇ What do we need to approach potential foundations to seek funding?
 - June 1st, Daniel's fund has asked that we send them a grant submission. What are the recommendations? Daniels is interested in funding the capacity to create this shared knowledge base. This will be used with the communities and demonstration sites. There is also the potential that they will fund certain demonstration sites within communities.
- ◇ What does capacity look like? What can these sites look like? How do we create a relationship with the private sector to help with this?

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Proposal to Potential Foundations or Other Funding Sources

This Task Force is being asked to approve that the Colorado Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, a 501C3, be able to accept money from the Daniel's Fund to help build their capacity to do the work outlined in the goals and objectives of the State Meth Task Force. This money will set up a learning process that will strengthen community's efforts. The local level will still need to find their own funding.

Where is the Task Force on developing a Webpage? We have \$50,000 from El Pomar Foundation for the next 2 years that could be used to assist us in developing a Website. This money can be used for speakers and development of the Webpage.

Motion was moved and approved to move forward with the development of the Website

The development of a resource-rich website will help with the SB03-318 – a treatment fund created by savings from reduced penalties for possession of small amounts of drugs. \$2.2 million will be distributed among the judicial districts. Priority for treatment funds will be given to drug court treatment if there is one in the district. Local drug treatment boards made up of the District Attorney, Public Defender, and Probation Officer appointed by the Chief Judge. The Website will help the local boards of SB 03-318 communities learn how to address this issue.

Motion was moved and approved to accept funding from the Daniel's Fund.

Access to Recovery Grant

The Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (SBIRT) grant offers an evidence-based approach to identifying individuals with high-risk patterns of substance use/abuse within primary care settings substance. The Access to Recovery grant opportunity complements the work of SBIRT, focusing on:

1. increasing treatment services;
2. improving treatment services;
3. bringing new groups, including faith-based groups, into the treatment community and
4. increasing and improving recovery support programs.

Key aspects of the Access to Recovery Grant include:

1. Up to \$7 million per year for three years to Colorado from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)/Substance Abuse of Mental Health Services Administration.
2. CSAT expects to fund 18 grants across the United States.
3. The application must come from the Office of the Governor and is due June 7, 2007 in Washington, D.C.
4. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division/Colorado Department of Human Services would be assigned spending authority.
5. The primary focus is providing vouchers for substance abuse treatment and recovery support services:
 - Recovery support services can include wraparound services to assist persons in recovery.
 - Voucher recipients will have a genuine, free, and independent choice among eligible clinical treatment and recovery support service options.
6. The grant allows for increasing capacity for the provision of treatment services, particularly for recovery support services.
7. The grant requires monitoring the operation and effectiveness of the voucher program through timely reporting of data.

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Motion was moved and approved to support the application for this grant.

Vice Chair Wood will write a draft letter of support to the Governor's office for Attorney General John Suthers' signature.

Closing Comments

Jeannie Smith suggested that a letter introducing the Meth Task Force and a copy of the *Blueprint* be sent to the new local boards being set up with the passing of SB03-318.

Nick Taylor, PhD., has completed a CRA on the Delta Model to approach organizations for funding. Delta is looking for endorsement for this project. The Delta Model has done a needs assessment, has included capacity building and has the full support from the community. They are asking for a letter of recommendation from this task force.

Motion was moved and approved for a letter of support, from Attorney General John Suthers, for the Delta Community-Based Methamphetamine Treatment Project be sent to Dr. Nick Taylor.

A letter will state that this project has our support. In turn, we would expect that the data collected would be shared with this task force. The letter will also state that some criteria and processes were followed prior to approval.

There is a new Child Welfare Grant opportunity that requires collaboration among the State Substance Abuse Authority and Child Welfare. A focus of the grant includes treatment for methamphetamine addiction. El Paso and Denver Counties are likely to submit proposals. Contact Vice Chair Janet Wood for more details.

Question - Should this group support grants that deal with Meth? If the department that is submitting the grant has the approval of the executive director, this group would give its support but we would expect feedback on the grant's outcomes. We are agreeable to support the tribal grants.

Schedule of future meetings:

July 27, 2007	10:00am – 1:00pm	Municipal League
Sept 28, 2007	10:00am – 1:00pm	